

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on September 22, 2004 at Torrent Hall by Chairman Jonathan Wood. Members present: Norman Weldy, Paul Brown, Dick Wood and Jack Barnes. Also present: Town Manager Richard Bates.

Chairman J. Wood stated that this was an opportunity for employees to voice their concerns regarding the Insurance Committee's recommendations and their insurance benefits. Chairman J. Wood spoke of the rising cost of health care and that this was one way to try and lower costs for the Town.

Chairman J. Wood asked for comments from the employees.

Several employees spoke about what the employees have already given up in the past to keep the health insurance at 100%. Cost of living raises were given up and the insurance plan was watered down to keep the health care costs down. The Town employees are upset because they feel they are always asked to give up something or have the plan watered down, but the School employees have the best plan out there. The Town employees realize that the school employees pay 15%, but they have a better plan, lower co-pays and better prescription coverage.

Chairman J. Wood stated that this was an informational meeting only. No decisions were made and no actions taken.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Bates
Town Manager